prices in fares of Indian/Alliance Air during the period 1st April, 2004 to 15th November, 2006 each time ranging from 10 to 12 per cent.

(b) During the period 1st April, 2004 to 15th November, 2006, the air fare between Agartala and Kolkata has increased from Rs. 2995 to Rs. 4850+Rs.750 as fuel surcharge in 'J' Class and Rs. 1995 to Rs. 3355+ Rs. 750 as fuel surcharge in 'Y' class. On the Agartala-Guwahati sector there was increase in air fare from Rs. 2955 to Rs. 4795+Rs.750 as fuel surcharge in 'J' class and from Rs. 1970 to Rs. 3320+Rs. 750 as fuel surcharge in 'Y' class.

(c) Government has received requests from the Government of Tripura for waiver of the increased air fare on the Kolkata-Agartala sector. However, in view of rapid increase of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices and the fact that the routes on the North Eastern Region mainly comprise of short haul sectors resulting in higher cost of operation on these sectors, it has not been possible for Indian Airlines to accede to the request. Nevertheless, the air fares in North Eastern Region are on an average about 6% lower compared to air fares for similar distances in other parts of the country.

Electricity failure at airports

1353. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of electricity failure at airports have been brought to Government's notice during the current year till the end of October, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there were cases of frequent electricity failures at Hyderabad airport recently, causing inconvenience and danger to the passengers as well as the aircrafts; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to initiate to solve such problems at Hyderabad airport and elsewhere in the country in order to avert any untoward incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There were 10 instances of commercial power failure in the last three months at Hyderabad airport, however, there is arrangement of diesel generator sets to maintain essential operations.

(d) At all the airports, diesel generating sets have been provided, which automatically start and feed power to essential installation within few seconds of failure of power supply from local Electricity Supply Board/ Company.

Regulation of airlines for emission norms

1354. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to regulate airlines in terms of CO_2 emissions over country, given the impact of CO_2 emission on environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): No, Sir. As a Member State of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), India follows the requirements laid down by ICAO for emission standards. The aircraft under scheduled/non-scheduled operation in India are certified with emission levels within limits as prescribed by ICAO standards.

Threat to airports

†1355. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an anonymous letter about the threat of extremists' attacks on airports in the country has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to tackle the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An anonymous letter was

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.